the sea. Her nakedness deserved a mention, at any rate in early editions. Clothed, she had been nothing. Even the Royal Academy was worth a casual glance in case it should contain a suitable nude; and in denouncing books as indecent, their indecency might be displayed.

Honour Slaying in Honolulu was fool-proof—warm, indolent nights, and rape; a cruelly ravished wife cruelly avenged. Mrs. Barney kept the wires busy and typewriters tapping when her youthful lover was found shot dead—photograph circulated, taken long ago when her life was new and in the spring; eminent coun.se! briefed, and special reporters active, among them Mr. Gilbert Frankau, who expatiated upon the great beauty of Mrs. Barney's neck; at last an acquittal, this enabling her to make her own small, belated contribution towards satisfying the curiosity she had aroused.

A sentimental judge might unknowingly help sub-editors in their daily search for what would warm the blood a pennyworth. Mr. Justice McCardie, hearing a case in which Mr. Dover Place, a grocer's assistant, sued Dr. Charles Searle for damages for the alleged enticing away of his wife, compared Mrs. Place to Helen of Troy. Henceforth it was the Helen of Troy case, and worth headlines, posters even. Mr. Justice McCardie's poetic imagery, though appreciated in Fleet Street, met with the disapproval of his fellow judges; in allowing an appeal against his verdict in favour of the defendant, Lord Justice Scrutton remarked tartly that it was no part of a judge's business to air his views about, for instance, underclothing, especially when, like Mr. Justice

McCardie, he was unmarried, and might therefore be assumed to have no more than a theoretical knowledge of such matters. Mr. Justice McCardie retorted by stating publicly that if another appeal against any verdict of his came before Lord Justice Scrutton he would decline to let him have the use of his notes. With some difficulty this unseemly quarrel was patched up, and any possibility of its renewal removed when Mr. Justice McCardie took his own life. In his lifetime he provided much suitable material for newspapers, and crowned this service by the manner